



NEWS & NOTES

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SENATOR HAVERN STEPS DOWN; DEBT SERVICE ASSISTANCE LOSES A CHAMPION

Senator Robert Havern, a long time advocate for ratepayers, stepped down from his Senate seat this month to accept a position as President of the Massachusetts Government Relations Practice at ML Strategies. For over twenty years Senator Havern served in both the House of Representatives and in the Senate, tirelessly representing the people in his district. He championed many worthy causes, consistently filing and advocating for pro-ratepayer legislation. His efforts on behalf of ratepayers included fighting to secure Debt Service Assistance in each budget cycle. In FY08, he sponsored an amendment to increase the level of funding to \$25 million to match the number provided in the House. "We are always appreciative of Senator Havern's hard work," stated Joseph Favaloro, Executive Director, MWRA Advisory Board, "He has been a key voice in urging the Commonwealth to provide water and sewer relief. We will miss him."



Senator Havern and MWRA Advisory Board Chairwoman Katherine Dunphy at an Advisory Board meeting. Senator Havern was awarded "Legislator of the Year" by the Advisory Board in 2005.

READING REQUESTS MORE WATER

This month the Advisory Board met with representatives from the Town of Reading to discuss plans to become a fully supplied water community. Reading formally became a partial MWRA member community last year, though recently they requested to become a fully supplied community, seeking an additional 1.5 MGD of water. The Town will pay an additional entrance fee of \$7,799,606. The MWRA Board of Directors will vote on Reading's application at the October meeting.

TUNNEL BORING MACHINE ARRIVES; MWRA BEGINS \$200 MILLION PROJECT TO ELIMINATE BEACH CLOSINGS

The MWRA launched a massive wastewater project this month in South Boston with a ceremony christening a new Tunnel Boring Machine. The machine will be used to dig the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Storage Tunnel, which will virtually eliminate wet weather sewerage overflows onto the beaches. The tunnel will be 17 feet in diameter and 2.1 miles long. During wet weather, CSO and wastewater flows will be stored in the tunnel until it can be pumped to Deer Island for treatment. State and local officials attended the event; speakers included Senator Jack Hart, South Boston, Ian Bowles, Secretary of Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the Chairman of the MWRA Board of Directors, and Jim Hunt, City of Boston Energy and Environment Chief.



Advisory Board Representatives to the MWRA Board of Directors Andrew Pappastergion (Brookline), Joseph Foti (Chelsea), John Carroll (Norwood); and Joseph Favaloro, Executive Director, MWRA Advisory Board, stand in front of the cutterhead of the new Tunnel Boring Machine.

UPCOMING MEETINGS

OCTOBER 12: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING / 8:30 AM - BOSTON
OCTOBER 17: MWRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS / 10 AM - CHARLESTOWN
SAVE THE DATE!!
OCTOBER 18: MWRA ADVISORY BOARD MEETING @ QUABBIN!

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